

sustainability of the airport and, thereby, serve the interests of civil aviation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Cancellation of Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS); Travis County, TX

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Cancellation of Notice of Intent to Prepare a SEIS.

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are issuing this notice to advise the public that the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for proposed improvements to U.S. Highway 290 (US 290)/State Highway (SH) 71 West through Oak Hill, in Travis County, Texas, is being rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Salvador Deocampo, District Engineer, District A, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Texas Division, 300 East 8th Street, Rm 826, Austin, Texas 78701, Telephone 512-536-5950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 15, 2008, TxDOT, in cooperation with the FHWA, announced its intent to prepare a limited-scope SEIS pursuant to 40 CFR 1508.22 and 43 TAC Sec. 2.5(e)(2) for proposed improvement of US 290/SH 71 West through Oak Hill, in Travis County, Texas. The improvements proposed between Ranch-to-Market Road (RM) 1826 and Joe Tanner Lane were originally considered in a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) covering improvements to SH 71/US 290 from Ranch-to-Market Road (RM) 1826 to FM 973. A Record of Decision (ROD) was issued by FHWA on August 22, 1988. The mid-section of the original project limits, between Joe Tanner Lane and Riverside Drive, has been constructed. The limited-scope SEIS would have evaluated potential impacts resulting from changes in funding mechanisms, changes in adjacent land use, State and Federal listing of the Barton Springs salamander as endangered, public input,

and proposed design modifications since the issuance of the SH 71/US 290 ROD along the unconstructed western portion of the original FEIS, between RM 1826 and Joe Tanner Lane.

TxDOT and FHWA have decided to rescind the NOI to prepare a SEIS for US 290/SH 71 West through Oak Hill from RM 1826 to Joe Tanner Lane. The project was placed on hold in 2008 due to the limited availability of funds and local planning priorities. The SEIS was in the preliminary stages of development. Recently, the FHWA has determined that a SEIS would no longer be applicable to the project and a full environmental impact statement (EIS) would be required to evaluate potential impacts. Therefore, the decision to rescind the NOI was due to limited availability of funds, local planning priorities and the determination that an EIS would be required.

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District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statements: National Summary of Rescinded Notices of Intent

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that 8 States have rescinded Notices of Intent (NOIs) to prepare 14 Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for proposed highway projects. The FHWA Division Offices, in consultation with the State departments of transportation (State DOTs), determined that six projects were no longer viable and have formally cancelled the projects. No further Federal resources will be expended on these projects; the environmental review process has been terminated. Four projects have been reduced in scope or found not to have significant impacts and now meet the criteria for an Environmental Assessment (EA) or a Categorical Exclusion (CE). Two projects will be constructed using solely State funds, so EISs will not be required. One project will be divided into two future projects and NOIs will be issued as needed. Finally, one project is being significantly rescope and required a new NOI, which has already been issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Ostrum, Office of Project Development and Environmental Review, (202) 366-4651; Janet Myers, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-2019; Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded by accessing the **Federal Register's** home page at: <http://www.archives.gov> and the Government Printing Office's Web page at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara>.

Background

The FHWA, as lead Federal agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in furtherance of its oversight and stewardship responsibilities under the Federal-aid highway program, periodically requests that its Division Offices review, with the State DOTs, the status of all EISs and place those projects that are not actively progressing in a timely manner in an inactive project status. The FHWA maintains lists of active and inactive EIS projects on its Web site at <http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/>. The FHWA has determined that inactive projects that are no longer a priority or that lack financial resources should be rescinded with a **Federal Register** notice notifying the public that project activity has been terminated. This notice covers the time period since the last summary was issued on May 23, 2011, and published in the **Federal Register** at 76 FR 31676 (June 1, 2011). As always, FHWA encourages State DOTs to work with their FHWA Division Office to determine when it is most prudent to initiate an EIS in order to best balance available resources as well as the expectations of the public.

The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that 8 States (California, Idaho, Mississippi, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, and Texas) have recently rescinded previously issued NOIs for 14 EISs for proposed highway projects. A listing of these projects, general location, original NOI date of publication in the **Federal Register**, and the date that the NOI was formally rescinded by notice published in the **Federal Register**, is provided below.

The FHWA Division Offices, in consultation with the State DOTs, determined that six of these projects were no longer viable projects and have formally cancelled those projects. The projects are: State Route 101 in

Mendocino County, California; State Route 603/43 in Hancock County, Mississippi; the Elizabeth Brady Road Extension (U-3808) in Orange County, North Carolina; the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (Project X730.56) in Kings County, New York; Gowanus Expressway—Battery Tunnel (Project X729.94) in Kings County, New York; and US-62 in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, Ohio.

Four projects are currently undergoing re-scoping and are expected

to require either an EA or CE when re-scoping is complete. These projects include: The Bayview Transportation Improvement Project in California; the Boise River Bridge and Travel Corridor in Ada County, Idaho; SH-55 in Valley County, Idaho; and Highway 35 between Norfolk and South Sioux City, Nebraska.

In addition, two projects will now be constructed using State funding for the delivery of the project so EISs are no longer necessary: US Highway 30, Schuyler to Fremont in Colfax and

Dodge Counties, Nebraska; and the Loop 375/César Chavez Highway, in El Paso County, Texas.

The Peace Bridge Expansion Project in Erie County, New York, will be divided into separate projects, and new NOIs will be issued as needed. Finally, one project, the Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 project in Rockland and Westchester Counties, New York, was significantly changed in scope. A new NOI reflecting this change was issued on 10/12/2011.

State	Project name	Original NOI date	Rescinded NOI date
CA	State Route 101 in Mendocino County	9/5/2002	8/09/2011
CA	Bayview Transportation Improvement Project	6/2/2004	9/1/2011
ID	Boise River Bridge and Travel Corridor	1/13/2004	8/29/2011
ID	SH-55 in Valley County	1/24/2000	3/14/2012
MS	State Route 603/43	10/26/2009	8/26/2011
NC	Elizabeth Brady Road Extension (U-3808)	6/14/2005	1/23/2012
NE	Highway 35 between Norfolk and South Sioux City	3/4/2002	7/14/2011
NE	Highway 30, Schuyler to Fremont in Colfax and Dodge Counties	8/29/2005	3/7/2012
NY	Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287	12/23/2002	10/12/2011
NY	Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (BQE),	4/20/2009	11/29/2011
NY	Interstate 278 (I-278) in Kings County (Project X730.56)		
NY	Gowanus Expressway—Battery Tunnel in Kings County	11/1/1996	11/29/2011
NY	Peace Bridge Expansion Project, City of Buffalo, Erie County	10/9/2001	1/10/2012
OH	US-62 in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties	11/5/2004	4/26/2012
TX	Loop 375 César Chávez Highway (Border Highway West Extension), El Paso County	9/1/2007	10/3/2011

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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Victor M. Mendez,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2012-0059]

2012 Temporary Closure of I-395 Just South of Conway Street in the City of Baltimore to Vehicular Traffic To Accommodate the Construction and Operation of the Baltimore Grand Prix

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) has requested FHWA approval of MDTA's proposed plan to temporarily close a portion of I-395 (just south of Conway Street in Baltimore City) from approximately 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2012, until approximately 6 a.m. on Tuesday,

September 4, 2012. The closure is requested to accommodate the construction and operation of the Baltimore Grand Prix (BGP), which will use the streets of downtown Baltimore as a race course. The request is based on the provisions in 23 CFR 658.11 which authorizes the deletion of segments of the federally designated routes that make up the National Network designated in Appendix A of 23 CFR Part 658 upon approval by the FHWA.

The FHWA seeks comments from the general public on this request submitted by the MDTA for a deletion in accordance with section 658.11(d) for the considerations discussed in this notice.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before 30 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: The letter of request along with justifications can be viewed electronically at the docket established for this notice at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Hard copies of the documents will also be available for viewing at the DOT address listed below.

Mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, or fax comments to (202) 493-2251. Alternatively,

comments may be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> (follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments). All comments should include the docket number that appears in the heading of this document. All comments received will be available for examination and copying at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard or you may print the acknowledgment page that appears after submitting comments electronically. All comments received into any docket may be searched in electronic format by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Persons making comments may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70, Pages 19477-78), or you may view the statement at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John C. Nicholas, Truck Size and Weight Team, Office of Operations, (202) 366-2317, Mr. Bill Winne, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-0791, Federal Highway Administration, 1200